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In re application of:

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COMPOSITIONS AND USES  
THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 1, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group II, , claims 31-50, drawn to methods for treating or preventing ophthalmic disorders and to methods for treating or preventing ocular inflammation. Further, in response to the Examiner's request for a Species Elections, Applicants elect for purposes of examination only, the following species: the method of treating an ophthalmic disorder, wherein the ophthalmic disorder is ocular inflammation (*see*, claims 1, 33, 34, 35, 36 and 43-50), and the therapeutic agent is diclofenac (*see*, claims 41, 42, 46 and 48).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.